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SUBJ: INITIAL SOVIET REACTION TO US-PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT OF  
PRINCIPLES (SALT TWO - 1376)

1. IN ADDITION TO PRESENTING SOVIET DRAFT OF "JOINT STATEMENT OF  
BASIC GUIDELINES" (TEXT SEPTTEL), KARPOV AT DRAFTING GROUP  
AUGUST 29, MADE FIRST FORMAL SOVIET CRITICISM OF US-PROPOSED  
PRINCIPLES.

2. KARPOV ALLEGED US PROPOSALS WERE NOT PROPRJRLY "PRINCIPLES,"  
BECAUSE THEY DID NOT MAKE NECESSARY DISTINCTION BETWEEN GENERAL  
GUIDELINES AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF FUTURE TALKS. SOVIET UNDER-  
STANDING WAS THAT DOCUMENT SHOULD PROVIDE CONTINUITY BETWEEN  
CURRENT AND FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SHOULD NOT PREDETERMINE OR  
PRESUPPOSE OUTCOME. SPECIFIC US PROPOSALS, FOR EXAMPLE  
REDUCTION TO 18-00-2000,IMPLY THAT TWO SIDES HAVE ALREADY  
AGREED UPON RESULTS OF FUTURE TALKS. HENCE, SOVIETS PROPOSE  
CHANGE OF TITLE TO "BASIC GUIDELINES" AND ELIMINATION OF  
SPECIFIC US PROPOSALS. IN REPLY KLOSSON SAID US HAD TAKEN  
APPROACH OF DANDIDLY SETTING FORTH OBJECTIVES WHICH IT DESIRED  
SIDES TO ACHIEVE IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. REGARDING US DRAFT, KARPOV SINGLED OUT TWO POINTS "SURVIVA-  
BILITY OF PERMITTED STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SHALL BE MAINTAINED

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AND ENHANCED" AND "FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON STRATEGIC DEFENSES,  
INCLUDING ARMS DEFENSES AND CIVIL DEFENSES." HE SAID  
SOVIET SIDE DID NOT UNDERSTAND EITHER REFERENCE. KLOSSON TOOK  
NOTE OF BOTH QUESTIONS AND SAID US WOULD REPLY SUBSEQUENTLY.

5. REGARDING SOVIET DRAFT GUIDELINES, KLOSSON SAID US  
DELEGATION WOULD STUDY DOCUMENT BEFORE COMMENTING.KLOSSON

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